

NEWS BRIEFS

Chiefs vs. Eagles Golf **Tournament**

A golf tournament will be held Aug. 5 and all chiefs, eagles, squadron commanders and first sergeants are invited. A burrito breakfast opens the event at 7 a.m. Green costs are \$15, which includes breakfast, lunch and on-course drinks; annual passes will be honored.

To sign up, contact James Linder at 782-5435.

H3 give away

Two Hummer H3s are being given away to show Air Force Clubs' appreciation to its members. All new members who sign up for club membership during the annual membership drive from Sept. 1 through Nov. 31 are eligible to win one of the H3 Hummers. The second H3 will be given away to someone who was a member as of Aug. 31.

Team 10k fun run, race

The Kunsan Top 3 will host a Team 10k fun run and race Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. Squadrons can sponsor multiple four-man teams. Available sponsorship options include: \$1 a minute, \$1 a member or \$1 a mile. To sign up, call Master Sgt. Robert Lauderdale at 782-4810, Master Sgt. Lenisha Greene at 782-5841 or Master Sgt. Louis Evans at 782-

Term I registration begins

The Kunsan base education center holds registration for Term I from Aug. 7 through Aug. 18. Classes start Aug. 21 and run through Oct. 14. Airmen must have an Air Force portal account in order to register for college classes. Class schedules can be found on channel 22 or picked up from the education center, library or the health and wellness center. Airmen are reminded to ensure they have the support of their commanders prior to registering.



Capt. Kasey Fry, 8th Communications Squadron, defends the Communication Unit Control Center against possible security breachs during the Peninsula Combat Employment Readiness Exercise July 24. For the full story and more photos, see Page 3.

Wolf Pack blitzes to build

Cadet 2nd Class Ruben A. Ruiz Perez U.S. Air Force Academy

Air Force volunteers from Kunsan AB and Osan AB joined Habitat for Humanity's "Blitz Build" this week in Gunsan City.

Blitz Build is the Gunsan Habitat for Humanity Affiliate's project to construct two apartment complexes with eight units. These homes will go to pre-selected under privileged families.

According to Gunsan city council officials, Habitat for Humanity Korea Gunsan Affiliate started in 2001 with the Jimmy Carter Work Project and has since built six buildings for a total of 24 housing units in Sanbuk Dong. In 2003 Wolf Pack members also helped build two duplexes that now house eight different families.

During this years Blitz Build pe-

riod, officials are expecting about 200 volunteers daily for a total of 1,200 volunteers to work under severe weather conditions for the completion of these houses. According to the Kunsan AB weather flight, the high for the week will be 90 degrees Fahrenheit with 90 percent humid-

Habitat for Humanity hopes Wolf Pack members continue working with Korean locals, and Republic of Korea Air Force members to help finish the project by the end of September. During Blitz Build, 10 to 15 Wolf Pack members volunteered each day.

Staff Sergeant Venus Applebury from 8th Operations Support Squadron is a six-year veteran with Habitat for Humanity projects in commu nities near Vandenberg AFB, Calif. and Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I like to help my community and

see the end results; it's fun," she said. "It's good for the rapport and interaction with the South Koreans. You gain a cultural awareness of the people. They work really hard. Their only difference is the language and culture.'

Another Habitat for Humanity veteran, Capt. Chris Lovett from the 8th OSS, likes to volunteer to make things better. "To me it is an opportunity to help out other people, while at the same time learning things about myself. It's basically a winwin situation for us and the Korean people."

The project also allowed Wolf Pack members an opportunity to get to know their Korean counterparts during their breaks.

"It's good to interact like this in the community, to show them that See **H4H**, Page 8

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For \$1.50 have a great time at the bowling alley

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Sunny Tuesday

Hi/Low 83/74 Partly Cloudy

Sunday Hi/Low 84/74

> **Partly Cloudy** Wednesday

Hi/Low 87/75 Sunny

6-day Forecast Monday Hi/Low

> 87/74 Scatterd T-Storms

Thursday Hi/Low 83/75 Sunny

Wingmen can save day

By Lt. Col. Richard Leblanc 8th Operations Support Squadron

We have all heard a lot of talk about the Air Force wingman program, but what does it really mean? It was developed as a way to instill a mindset among all Airmen to look after each other both on and off duty. The wingman program was developed to mirror how we employ combat aircraft in training and wartime.

A group of aircraft flying together is comprised of a flight lead and up to three wingmen. The most common and lethal group of fighters flying in formation is a four-ship. The flight lead of the formation is responsible for getting all aircraft to the target area, destroying the target and bringing all of the aircraft and wingmen back home safely so they can fight another day. Although the flight lead has the overall responsibility, each flight member has a very important role to play in keeping the formation safe from enemy attack and ensuring mission

accomplishment. During a combat engagement, the flight lead may very likely assume the role of wingman while another member conducts the attack.

So how does this apply to life at Kunsan? Whether on or off duty, we are surrounded by other Airmen. It is your duty and responsibility to make sure you bring all of your wingmen home safely so we can Take the Fight North if called upon.

Almost without exception,
Airmen find the most trouble when
alcohol is involved. Though some
may beg to differ, you don't actually
get more good looking or funnier the
more you drink. One thing that
does happen is your judgement and
decision making skills are impaired. That is where having good
wingmen comes into play.

The surest way to stay out of trouble is to know your own limits and adhere to them. When you go out partying make sure you are surrounded by people you trust. Have a well thought out game plan. Know the responsibilities of a good wingman. If you see



Lt. Col. Richard Leblanc

Photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Gallahan

someone acting irresponsibly or in a disrespectful manner, step in and stop the situation before it gets out of control. Be a thinking wingman and prevent trouble before it starts. That means knowing your own limits and realizing that you are responsible for not only your own actions, but also those of the people you are with. Have someone in your "flight" remain sober so they can make sure the entire group comes home safely.

As a fellow Airman and wingman, it's your duty and responsibility to keep those around you from harm and keep them out of trouble. You may feel like your actions aren't appreciated at the time, but you can be sure they'll be appreciated the next day. You'll be able to take pride in preserving the dignity of your fellow Airmen and possibly save a friend's career. Do the right thing and be a good wingman.

Close Call

Axe murder leads to Operation Paul Bunyan

By Sonny Park Airmen and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: This feature is the second in a two-part series on Korea's past through the eyes of the AFRC director.)

I returned twice to my motherland flying VIPs to historical sites and coordinating the Team Spirit war games. In December 1969, I had the pleasure of flying Mr. Bob Hope and his entourage in a UH-1 Huey helicopter from the Yongsan helipad to Osan AB for his annual Christmas USO tour of Korea. In my second tour from 1976 to 1977, I flew CH-47 Chinook helicopters out of Camp Humphreys and almost observed a second Korean War.

While trimming a tree to clear the view between checkpoints, two U.S. Army Officers, Capt. Arthur Bonifas and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett, were brutally beaten and killed by North Koreans at Panmumjom on Aug. 18, 1976. It would later be known as the "Axe Murder Incident." We went to the highest defense condition and my unit's helicopters were to extract the U.S., Korean and third country VIPs at pre-selected landing sites in the middle of Seoul.

I had brought my wife and first child to Pyongtaek as non-command sponsored dependents. I told my wife to grab the noncombatant evacuation operation, or NEO packet, head for Osan and that another Korean War is about to break out. Our troops retaliated with Operation Paul Bunyan. United Nations Command engineers (most were actually disguised South Korean special forces commandos, all martial arts experts) were flanked by a company of tough U.S. infantrymen and protected by AH-1 Cobra helicopters, M-60 tanks, heavy artillery and numerous high performance Air Force jets circling overhead. Under this heavy protection, we went back to the site and cut down the tree instead of trimming it. It was a very close call to another Korean War.

On a more recent assignment to Osan AB as a DoD civilian employee, I escorted the Secretary of the Air Force at the time, the Honorable F. Whitten Peters, on his first visit to Korea in 1998. I was his cultural tour guide around Seoul and shared my war experience with him. He was particularly interested in my account of the devastation in Seoul through the eyes of a child. Even today, when I walk by a construc-

tion site where old buildings are being demolished, it produces a certain odor that sometimes has a hypnotic effect, taking me down memory lane, 53 years ago.

Increasing known and unknown North Korean defectors are coming to South Korea via third countries. More and more North and South Korean firms engage in joint commercial ventures. Similar events and the subsequent fall of the East German communist government preceded the German reunification in 1989. I hope Korea will follow in the footsteps of Germany. I want to believe the reunification of Korea is only a matter of time and will occur peacefully, without any casualties, unlike the events that occurred here more than five decades ago.

My wife and I were able to travel to China twice as U.S. tourists. When we tracked along the north sides of the Yalu and Tumen rivers by the North Korean border, we felt like we were driving the border road just north of the Rio Grande riverbank between Texas and Mexico. We were convinced that someday soon we would be able to flash our passports and drive to North Korea just like we do now to cross the U.S./Mexico border.

But just in case events turn for the worse, the men and women of the 8th Fighter Wing are ever-vigilant for the worst-case scenario and will defend freedom's frontier.



COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

The Action Line is a direct line to me. Call 782-2004 and include your name, telephone number and a brief description of your problem. You can also send an e-mail to <u>8 FW/CC Action Line</u>.

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Base Exchange
Chapel
CES Customer Service 782-5318
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Civ. Personnel Office 782-4570
Dining Hall 782-5160
Education Office 782-5148
Fitness Center 782-4026
Golf Course
Housing Office 782-4088
IDEA Office 782-4020
Inspector General 782-4850
Law Enforcement Desk 782-4944
Legal Assistance 782-4283
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Michael Cox, 8th **Civil Engineer**

Squadron gives a "thumbs up" after

Federal Voting Assistance **Program Kicks** into high gear

By Jim Garamone American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN)

- The Federal Voting Assistance Program office is pulling out the stops to ensure all servicemembers and their families who wish to can vote.

Polli Brunelli, the program's chief, said the program has learned from experience and has put in place a system to make it relatively painless for servicemembers and their families to vote in 2006 midterm elections.

Service members and their families want to vote Ms. Brunelli said. They generally vote in greater percentage than the general population. She also stressed that these votes count. Absentee ballots decided a number of elections in 2004.

"Election officials count every absentee ballot," she said.

The program covers not only military personnel, but also DOD civilians and DOD contractors. It depends on dedicated officers and noncommissioned officers at unit level. Each unit has a voting assistance officer, and they are the primary points of contact for servicemembers casting absentee ballots.

Ballots will arrive to servicemembers in September or October. To be sure votes arrive on time, Ms. Brunelli is telling servicemembers to mail in their voted ballots the week of Oct. 8 to 14.



PENCERE WRAP UP **WOLF PACK CHALL**

The 8th Fighter Wing took another step toward next Spring's Operational Readiness Inspection during a peninsula-wide combat employment and readiness exercise

It was the first PENCERE for the Wolf Pack class of '07. The exercise prepared the wing's men and women to respond to an all-out attack by North Korea.

This was a great opportunity to practice how we go to war along with Osan (Air Base), 7th Air Force and the Republic of Korea air force," said Col. Preston "Wolf 2" Thompson, vice wing commander. "There are still little things we can do better, and I am confident we can overcome the obstacles in front of us."

The objective of the PENCERE is to prepare for combat operations, to run through procedures and test



Members of the 8th Communications Squadron set-up concertina wire along the perimeter of building 908.

"Throughout the exercise I saw committed Airmen working hard to make the mission happen," Col. Thompson said. "We've identified items of concern and will work on these areas during future training days."

The next Wolf War Day is Aug.



Senior Airman Bryn Henderson, 8th Communications Squadron, conducts a perimeter sweep after a mock scud attack during the exercise.

Cultural Corner

Did you know?

The word bulgogi is commonly translated as Korean barbecue, though it literally means "fire meat." Beef is most often identified with bulgogi, but even pork,

chicken, lamb, squid and octopus, for example, can be cooked bulgogi style. For the most common beef

bulgogi, thin slices of meat, usually tenderloin, are marinated in a sauce made of soy sauce, sesame oil, minced garlic, sesame seeds and other seasonings, and then cooked over a charcoal grill. The grilled beef slices can be eaten as

they are or wrapped in lettuce along with slices of fresh garlic and green pepper and a dab of soybean paste, red pepper paste, or a mixture of the two, all of which are rich in vitamins, minerals and

substances. Information courtesy of the Korean Overseas Information Service.

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OF THE

Staff Sgt. Clifford Anthony

Unit: 8th Mission Support Squadron **Duties:** NCOIC Personnel Readiness Function

Hometown: Swainsboro, Ga. Hobbies: Softball, baseball and gym Favorite music: R&B & Jazz Follow-on: Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Last good movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean"

Best thing you've done here: "I have started to really focus on pursuing my education.'



"Staff Sgt. Anthony has made a tremendous positive impact throughout the wing and community from the moment of his arrival to Kunsan Air Base in December 2005.

He recently established the Defense Readiness Reporting System (DRRS) ensuring the 8th MSS remains rock solid and ready to 'Take the Fight North.'

Sergeant Anthony's 'service before self' attitude was keenly demonstrated during the Memorial Day weekend. His orchestration of the reception for follow-on forces deployed to Kunsan AB over an eight-day period was absolutely above reproach! Prior to the 186th EFS PERSCO team arrival, he assumed their responsibilities to ensure 100 percent accountability for over 290 personnel."

— Maj. Robin McKinley

8th Mission Support Squadron commander

Air Force officials announce 2007 force-shaping initiatives

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Air Force officials announced July 26 new force-shaping initiatives to be used to meet the required 2007 fiscal year end-strength numbers.

The new initiatives are designed to bring the officer numbers down as the enlisted end-strength numbers are on target for 2007. Officials said more than 8,000 officers must separate through normal attrition, retirement or force-shaping measures to achieve the required balance in force.

"It's important to keep in mind what force shaping is all about: the present and future state of the Air Force," said Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel. "We have to balance our (force) for now and the coming years to have the kind of force we need to win the long war we are in now and be prepared for whatever comes next."

The Air Force will look for volunteers but will also initiate involuntary shaping programs to achieve a balanced force. The force-shaping program maximizes the Air Force's voluntary separation authority and also allows imple-

mentation for involuntary shaping programs as required.

The Air Force starts the 2007 force-shaping program with three tools to lower the number of active duty officers. These three initiatives are Voluntary Separation Pay, Selective Early Retirement Board and a fiscal 2007 Force Shaping Board. Under U.S. Code Title 10, the secretary of the Air Force has authority to use these force-shaping tools.

The VSP incentive will be offered to line-of-the-Air Force officers, including judge advocates, and to chaplains with more than six and no more than exactly 12 years of service, to encourage their separation, Gen. Brady said.

The Air Force needs approximately 3,200 officers meeting these criteria to separate. Eligible officers may begin applying for VSP on July 31. Dates of separation must take effect between Oct. 1, 2006, and Sep. 29, 2007. Applications for VSP will not be accepted after Jan. 31, 2007.

Officers who are approved for VSP will enter into a written agreement to serve in the Individual Ready Reserve for a period of three years following the separation. Officers who have an existing military service obligation at the time of their separation will fulfill it in the IRR along with the additional three-year commitment. Officers meeting the above time-inservice criteria may contact their MPF for more details on VSP.

"We are offering the qualified VSP officers twice the compensation of what they would receive for an involuntary separation," Gen. Brady said.

The Air Force seeks to retire 313 line officer lieutenant colonels who have been twice deferred for promotion or colonels with four years time in grade who are not general selects. Officers who have a voluntary retirement date or a mandatory retirement date for length of service will not be consid-

The Air Force must plan for a SERB for 2007 to meet this shaping objective.

"The officers who fit this category have already been notified," he said. "If we get enough volunteers for retirement, we will not hold the SERB."

A SERB has been scheduled for Jan. 8 to 19, 2007. More detailed information about the SERB will be released in September.

The Air Force also will hold a

fiscal 2007 Force Shaping Board. This board will evaluate officers who have not completed more than five years commissioned service. The board will consider officers in selected overage career fields in the 2003 and 2004 year groups. However, for the 2003 year group, the board will only consider those career fields that were excluded from consideration from the fiscal 2006 Force Shaping Board.

Air Force officials project more than 900 losses as a result of the 2007 Force Shaping Board, which is scheduled for March 12 to 23, 2007

Another tool officials use to balance the force is recruitment.

"In force shaping, we will lose some very talented people. But the reduction in size is also about losing manpower authorizations to help get the right number of people with dynamic skill sets," Gen. Brady said. "We will be bringing in about 3,000 fewer enlisted and 500 fewer officers this year through accessions."

For more information on the force-shaping initiatives visit the AFPC web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshaping/shape.htm or call 782-9404.

TEN RECEIVE ARTICLE 15s

Ten members of the Wolf Pack received punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in June.

- ☐ A staff sergeant from the 8th Mission Support Squadron received Article 15 punishment for dereliction of duty and signing a false official statement, violations of Articles 92 and 107, UCMJ. The sergeant misused the Government Travel Card. The commander imposed the following punishment: suspended reduction to senior airman, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- □ A technical sergeant from the 8th Maintenance Squadron received Article 15 punishment for disrespecting an officer, making provoking speeches or gestures, and for being drunk and disorderly, violations of Articles 89, 117, and 134, UCMJ. The member was asked to remove his hat while in the Community Activity Center but refused. When security forces arrived, the sergeant became belligerent and disrespectful toward a commissioned officer. The commander imposed the following punishment: suspended reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$750 per month for two months, 60 days restriction, and a reprimand.
- □ A staff sergeant from the 8th Maintenance Squadron received Article 15 punishment for dereliction of duty a violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The sergeant failed to properly update finance records in a timely manner. The commander imposed the following punishment: suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$1,000 per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman from the 8th Maintenance Squadron received Article 15 punishment for failing to obey a lawful order, resisting apprehension, making provoking speeches or gestures, and disorderly conduct which was a discredit to the armed forces, violations of Articles 92, 95, 117, and 134, UCMJ. The Airman was caught being disorderly off-base. When apprehended by security forces, the Airman resisted and became belligerent toward a security forces member. The commander imposed the following punishment: reduction to airman 1st class, suspended reduction to airman, 30 days restriction, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- An airman 1st class from the 8th Maintenance Squadron received Article 15 punishment for dereliction of duty, a violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The Airman was drinking alcoholic beverages while under age. The commander imposed the following punishment: reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$500 per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- ☐ An airman 1st class from the 8th Maintenance Squadron received Article 15 punishment for violating a general order, resisting apprehension and failing to pay a just debt, violations of Articles 92, 95, and 134, UCMJ. The Airman failed to obey curfew hours and refused to pay the taxi fare. The commander imposed the following punishment: suspended reduction to airman, 21 days restriction, 21 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- ☐ An airman 1st class from the 8th Maintenance Squadron received Article 15 punishment for violating a general order, making provoking

speeches or gestures, and assaulting a law enforcement official, violations of Articles 92, 117, and 128, UCMJ. The Airman was spitting on another Airman's shoes. After being told to stop he responded to the request with profanity. When a security forces member arrived on scene, the member became belligerent and assaulted the security forces member. The commander imposed the following punishment: reduction to airman, 15 days restriction, and a reprimand.

- An airman 1st class from the 8th Security Forces Squadron received Article 15 punishment for resisting apprehension and making provoking speeches and gestures, violations of Articles 95 and 117, UCMJ. During apprehension, the Airman attempted to assault one security forces member and provoked another security forces member. The commander imposed the following punishment: suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$200 per month, and a reprimand.
- An airman 1st class from the 8th Security Forces Squadron received Article 15 punishment for dereliction of duty, a violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The Airman was drinking alcoholic beverages while under age. The commander imposed the following punishment: suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$300 per month, and a reprimand.
- ☐ An airman 1st class from the 8th Security Forces Squadron received Article 15 punishment for assault and battery and for being drunk and disorderly, which conduct was a discredit to the armed forces, violations of Articles 128 and 134, UCMJ. The airman was drunk and disorderly off-base when he assaulted a local national. The commander imposed the following punishment: suspended reduction to Airman, forfeiture of \$100 per month, and a reprimand.



Col. Joseph Swillum took command of the 8th Maintenance Group June 26.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Gallahar

MAINTENANCE MINDED

Phoenix shares thoughts, goals

Wolf Pack Warrior: What are your impressions of the Wolf Pack and the 8th Maintenance Group now that you've settled in at Kunsan?

Colonel Swillum: The Wolf Pack is an awesome organization with a lot of history. I was here before in 1993-94 and then, like now, the people are great and so is morale. I enjoy being in an organization like this. As far as the 8th Maintenance Group, WOW what an awesome group of maintainers. The airplanes are in good condition and obviously, the group was successful with excellent ratings in all squadrons during the Unit Compliance Inspection. We weren't perfect though, so I look forward to making the group better as we continue to succeed.

WPW: What are some of the major challenges facing the group and how do you expect to overcome those obstacles?

Colonel Swillum: I see us having three major issues:

[1.] Aircraft availability. Over the past few years, maintenance statistics have not been meeting standards. These stats paint a picture of how well we are maintaining aircraft and how well we are making aircraft available to Take the Fight North (Wolfpack). Maintenance statistics are indicators of fleet health. Our challenge will be to do maintenance right the first time, every time and work scheduled maintenance smarter to improve our aircraft availability. As a leader, I pledge to work to improve the way we do business and make things more efficient and more

[2.] Facility issues. HAS renovations are ongoing to fix doors and lighting. We'll follow through and complete those. In addition, we're setting off on a self help project to

renovate the HAS offices. Facilities and infrastructure are something we continue to work at. We won't see a lot of major construction projects finish while we're here, but we need to leave this base better than we found it for the next

[3.] Additional missions coming to Kunsan, including new ROKAF aircraft.

We need to integrate those missions into ours as seamlessly as possible.

WPW: Please define your leadership philosophy.

Colonel Swillum: To be a leader, you need to be technically proficient and knowledgeable in those fields and areas where you're leading. I think it's very difficult to be a good leader without an indepth knowledge of what's going on. The maintenance field is a very technical field. I think leaders need to be as technically competent as we can and understand those aspects of the job. Also, we need to

motivate the people who work for us to do a good job. There is so much talent out there that we need to tap into. As senior leaders, we need to motivate these awesome

WPW: What advice do you offer Airmen here?

Colonel Swillum: Get into your job and have a good time. You will never have an assignment where you're as close to the people you work with than you are here at Kunsan. I was here 12 years ago, and to this day I still have good friends I made on that assignment. It's because you bond as a community and a group and you have a lot of fun. Also, get out and see Korea, it has a lot more than A-Town and Kunsan City to offer. I encourage everyone to take trips through Outdoor Recreation and the Community Activity Center. I've spent more than four years in Korea between TDYs and PCSs and I encourage people to get out and see the country.

The fine print: Col. Joseph Swillum

Family: He and his wife, Hannah have a miniature dachshund named "Pooh

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Pet peeve: "People who become part of the problem rather than part of the solution. In our world, changes happen no matter what. You have a choice. You can either whine, cry and complain or make the best of it and make your area or your section better. Use those changes to your advantage. I dislike folks who are a part of the problem."

Favortie sports team: St. Louis Cardinals. He grew up as a kid going to Cardinals games.

Current book: "I'm reading Lord Rammage, a series of books on 18thcentury English seamen and their fight with France. I really like historical fiction. I like the sea...I know I'm an Air Force guy, but those old, old ships really fascinate me."

Personal secret: "Probably." (smiles)





Col. Joseph Swillum

Col. Joseph A. Swillum commands the 8th Maintenance Group at Kunsan. He's responsible for the daily maintenance operations, intermediate level maintenance, component repair and maintenance training for the 8th Fighter Wing with 36 assigned F-16s.

He directs the activities of more than 1,200 personnel, manages an annual budget of more than \$40 million and develops and implements plans to meet wing operational taskings.

The following are some of the colonel's additional career highlights.

1984

Student, Chanute AFB, Ill.

1986

Assistant officer in charge, 311th AMU and officer in charge, Maintenance Branch, 58th EMS, Luke AFB, Ariz.

1989

Officer in charge, 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Clark AB, Philippines

1992

Logistics career broadener and deputy chief technical repair division, Hill AFB, Utah

Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1994

35th Fighter Squadron sortie generation flight commander and 8th MXS Maintenance supervisor, Kunsan, Republic of Korea

1998

48th Component Repair Squadron maintenance supervisor, 492nd and 494th Fighter Squadron maintenance officer, RAF Lakenheath, U.K.

2000

Commander, 56th Component Repair Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.

2002

Logistics program manager, JUSMAG-K, Yongsan, Republic of Korea

2004

Logistics Standardization and Evaluation team chief, HQACC, Langley AFB, Va.

2006

Deputy Maintenance Group Commander, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.





50 CENT

(Left) Cadet 1st Class Gary Richard, visiting here from the Air Force Academy, attempts to knock a few pins down Monday night during the 50-cent special. All games, shoe rentals and soft drinks are 50 cents each, all day Mondays. When questioned about his experience, he said "The bowling alley is nice and clean, it's a good environment for good times and camaraderie."

(Above) Cadet Richard screams after he misses a strike.



Photos by Cadet 2nd Class Ruben Ruiz Perez

Academy professor sets swimming world record

By John Van Winkle U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) -- An Air Force Academy professor set a world record in long-distance swimming July 23.

Lt. Col. Tim Lawrence of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Department of Astronautical Engineering became the first American to swim the 14.8 nautical miles from Britain's Jersey Island to France.

In the process, he lowered the best overall time by a little under five minutes to eight hours, 21 minutes, 17 seconds. Col. Lawrence is only the sixth

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conditions, with torrential rain and a

Department of Astronautical Engineering,

Lt. Col. Tim Lawrence

Air Force Academy

person in the world to successfully complete this longdistance swim solo.

The colonel set off July 22 from La Coupe Point.

"The weather here can be so unstable," Col. Lawrence said. "It started out with hellacious conditions, with torrential rain and a downpour."

After about half a mile, the wind and tide aligned. "Then it was a dead calm sea," said the 1988

academy graduate. "All the long-water swims I've done have been in choppy waters, but the wind and tide were aligned until the last three miles. Then the tide turned and I had to fight my way in."

Weather is only one of the challenges long-distance swimmers face making the trek from the British channel island to France.

Swimmers cannot wear wetsuits, but water temperatures are between 59 and 64.5 degrees

Fahrenheit during June and July. Thus, a swimmer cannot switch to a backstroke to rest, as they must generate a continual amount of body heat. Hypothermia sets in when one's body temperature drops from the normal 98.4 degrees to about 95 degrees.

After battling in the last few miles and setting foot on the western shore of France's Cherbourg peninsula, he was greeted by 75 people with an American flag.

Only then did he learn that he was the new world record holder. The old record of 8 hours, 26 minutes and 28 seconds was set in 2005. The colonel beat that record by five minutes to become the first American and only sixth person ever to complete the swim solo since it was first accomplished in 1966.

Col. Lawrence's record also beats the best relay team times. Only four teams have completed the Jersey Island-France swim via relay.

Sunday's swim is the latest in a long-distance swimming career, which includes completing two Ironman triathalons. Col. Lawrence swam the English Channel in 1999. He became the first Ameri-

can to swim the 41 nautical miles around Jersey Island in 2002, and was the first American and second person ever to swim from the island of Vis to Split, Croatia in the Adriatic Sea.

"This is my last swim," the world record-holder said Sunday.

After thanking those who assisted him in Europe and in his training in Colorado, the colonel said he will return to the academy

Then his focus shifts from water to space, as he resumes his duties as director of the Space Systems Research Center there.

"My goal now is to get FalconSAT-3 safely in space," he said.

FalconSAT-3 is a cadet-built satellite and one of two space programs Col. Lawrence oversees at the academy. The satellite contains five scientific experiments and is scheduled for a November launch.

THE SPORTS BAR

As of Wednesday

Intramural Softball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Teams	W	L
Vipers	6	0
Ammo A Team	4	2
Red Devil Rejects	4	2
Warriors	3	2
POL	4	4
Defenders	3	4
MXS Fabrications	3	4
186 EFS Team One	2	3
MXS Fuels	3	5
Delta Shocker	2	5
Egress	2	5

Game results

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Delta Shock vs. Egress	8 - 20
Warriors vs. POL	5 - 0
MXS Fuels vs. Vipers	5 - 6
Defenders vs. Fabrications	12 - 5

Upcoming games

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5:30 p.m. — 186 EFS #1 vs. MXS Fab
6:30 p.m. — Shockers vs. Defenders
7:30 p.m. — Warriors vs. MXS Fuels
3:30 p.m. — Egress vs. OSS Viners

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5:30 p.m. — POL vs. MXS Fab.
6:30 p.m Red Devils vs. Defender
7:30 p.m. — AMMO vs. MXS Fuels
8:30 n m — Shockers vs Warriors

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L
Cobras	5	0
COMM	6	1
LRS Team One	6	1
Knights	6	2
Med Dawgs	4	3
MXSAGE	4	3
SVS	3	5
Ammo B Team	2	5
EFS Team Two	1	4
MXS Maintenance	1	6
Devil Dogs	1	7

Game results

Tuesday	
MDG vs. MXS Maintenance	Forfeit
Knights vs. LRS	17 - 7
SVS vs. COMM	10 - 7
Cobras vs. MXS AGE	13 - 2

Upcoming games

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5:30 p.m. — MDG vs. Cobras
6:30 p.m. — 186 EFS #2 vs. LRS
7:30 p.m Devil Dogs vs. MXS Main
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Thursday

5:30 p.m. — SVS vs. Cobras
6:30 p.m. — Knights vs. MDG
7:30 p.m. — Devil Dogs vs. MXS Main
8:30 p.m. — AMMO B vs. MXS AGE

Sports and **Fitness Briefs**

Summer basketball league

The 2006 Summer Basketball League is going on now at the fitness center. Games are from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. To sign up, call Staff Sgt. John Dye at the fitness center at 782-4026.

(Information provided by the fitness center)

Remember your points in ...



TODAY

Free Bowling - Squadrons bowl for free at the Yellow Sea Bowling Center between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Advanced registration required.

Club events — The Loring Club's super social hour starts at 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Foosball Tournament - There will be a foosball tournament at the Falcon Community Center at 4 p.m.

Music request night — The community center's music request night runs from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. **Paintball** — Outdoor Recreation sponsors paintball beginning at 10 a.m. at Wolf Pack Park.

No Tap Tournament - The Yellow Sea Bowling Center will host a no-tap tournament at 7 p.m. \$15 entry fee.

SUNDAY

Jazz night — The Falcon Community Center rolls out Jazz beginning at 8 p.m.

Red Pin Bowling - Red Pin Bowling is available at the Yellow Sea Bowling Center between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. Each game costs 75 cents.

MONDAY

Pool tourney — The Loring Club's nine-ball pool tournament starts at 7 p.m.

Nifty-fifty night — The Yellow Sea Bowling Center offers nifty-fifty night.

TUESDAY

Pinochle Tournament - There will be a pinochle tournament at the community center at 7 p.m. Sponsor training — The Airmen and Family Readiness Center is offering a sponsor training class from 10 to 11 a.m. at the MPF, Rm. 215. Learn creative ways to assist newcomers reporting to Kunsan. Registration required. Call 782-5644.

Airmen bowl for free — Airmen bowl for free at the Yellow Sea Bowling Center starting at 6:30 p.m. Steak Night - Any steak on the menu for \$10 between 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Loring Club.

WEDNESDAY

Karaoke night — The Falcon Community Center's karaoke night runs from 8 p.m. until midnight. 8-Ball Tournament - The weekly 8-Ball pool tournament is held in the E-Lounge starting at 7 p.m. Minimum of 10 people required. \$100 purse.

CHAPEL SERVICES

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass — 11:30 a.m. Monday through

Weekend Mass — 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays Reconciliation — Weekdays by appointment and 8 a.m. Sunday

R.C.I.A. classes — 7 p.m. Wednesday, chapel conference room

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Traditional worship — 11 a.m. Sunday Gospel service — 1 p.m. Sunday Contemporary praise and worship — 6 p.m.

Inspirational praise and worship service — 7 p.m. Friday

LATTER-DAY SAINTS SERVICE Weekly service — 3:30 p.m. Sunday **CHURCH OF CHRIST SERVICE**

Weekly service — 1 p.m. Sunday, Sonlight

SONLIGHT INN HOURS

6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday and holidays

Reunion briefing — The Airman and Family Readiness Center's return and reunion briefing starts at 3 p.m. in the Loring Club.

7-DAYS

This mandatory briefing addresses challenges facing single and married military members returning to their families.

Korean cooking — The Kunsan Airman and Family Readiness Center offers a Korean cooking class from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sonlight Inn. Registration required. Call 782-5644 to sign up.

THURSDAY

Chess Tournament - There will be a chess tournament at the Falcon Community Center at 7 p.m.

Orphanage visit — The Airman and Family Readiness Center's weekly Korean orphanage outing leaves the military personnel flight parking lot at 6:15 p.m. The weekly outings give base people a chance to interact with local Korean orphans. To register, call 782-3772.

UP 'N' COMING

Death for Dinner - A play featuring Richard Beall, Anita Boland, Kayti Grant, Ben Langton, Michael Mendez and Juli Redson-Smith Aug. 20 at the Loring Club.

Squadron Feud - Hosted by "Ray Ray Dawson." Two-day single elimination tournament Aug. 27, 28 at 7 p.m. Sign up your five-man team by Aug. 26. Up to three teams per squadron authorized. Winning teams recieve a check for Squadron UACs. 1st Place: \$400; 2nd Place: \$250; 3rd Place: \$100. For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer game typist or DJ, contact Staff Sgt. Andre Ogilvie or call 782-4619, 4110 or 5210.

Financial management — The Airman and Family Readiness Center sponsors a personal financial management briefing for E-4 and below attending Newcomer's Orientation. Call 782-5644 for

Tournaments at the Falcon Community Center Cricket Dart - Aug. 12 at 4 p.m.

8-Ball Pool - Aug. 19 at 4 p.m. Spades – Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. Ping Pong - Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. 301 Darts - Aug. 26 at 4 p.m. Dominoes - Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.

To submit events for 7-Days, send an e-mail to WolfPack@kunsan.af.mil. Submissions are due by noon Thursday one week prior to publication and must include time, date and location of the event and the contact's daytime phone number. For more information, call 782-4705.

Let 'em know with ... A Hometown News Release

Got promoted? Received an award or decoration? Getting ready to PCS? Let your hometown know with a Hometown News Release. How do you get one? Call Public Affairs at 782-4705 for details.



AT THE MOVIES



"X-MEN: THE LAST STAND"

Rating: Rated PG-13 for action violence and sexual content.

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart Synopsis: The continuing adventures of the superpowered group, the X-Men, led by Professor Xavier, and based at his school for gifted students, as they try to foster good will for mutants like themselves, in a world where some people are born with extraordinary powers, and many ordinary humans fear them for

Show times: 7 and 9:30 p.m. today and Saturday

"THE BREAK UP"

Rating: Rated PG-13 for sexual content, nudity and language

Starring: Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston Synopsis: Pushed to the breaking-point after their latest, "why can't you do this one little thing for me?" argument, art dealer Brooke calls it quits with her boyfriend, Gary, who hosts bus tours of Chicago. What follows is a series of remedies, war tactics, overtures and underminings suggested by the former couple's friends, confidantes and the occasional total stranger. When neither ex is willing to move out of the condo they used to share, the only solution is to continue living as hostile roommates until somebody caves.

Show time: 9:30 p.m. Today

"OVER THE HEDGE"

Rating: Rated PG for rude humor and comic

Starring: Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling Synopsis: Spring has sprung, and Verne and his woodland friends awaken from their long winter's nap to discover that a tall, green "thing" has mysteriously cropped up right through the middle of their home. Enter RJ, an opportunistic raccoon, who explains that the world beyond the hedge is the "gateway to the good life" where peculiar creatures called humans live to eat, rather than eat to

Show time: 7 p.m. Sunday

(Movie dates and times are subject to change)

WOLF PACK WHEELS SCHEDULE

Kunsan AB to E-Mart shuttle

Tickets are \$5 (departs from community center) 10 a.m., noon, 2, 4 and 6 p.m.

E-Mart to Kunsan AB shuttle

Tickets are \$5 (departs from in front of store) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 and 6:30 p.m. Weekends

Kunsan AB to Osan shuttle

One-way for \$12.50 or \$11.50 and round trip for \$25 or \$23. Discount is for Airman morale program members (departs from community center) Monday to Thursday 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 7:30 a.m., 1 and 6 p.m. Friday Saturday 7:30 and 10 a.m. 7:30 a.m. and noon Sunday

Osan to Kunsan AB shuttle

One-way for \$12.50 or \$11.50 and round trip for \$25 or \$23. Discount is for Airman morale program members (departs from Checkertails Cafe) Monday to Thursday noon and 6 p.m.

Friday Saturday Sunday

noon and 10 p.m. noon and 4 p.m. noon and 5 p.m.

Kunsan AB to Kunsan city shuttle One-way is \$3 and round trips for \$5 (departs from community co Friday and Saturday 7 and 8 p.m.

Kunsan city to Kunsan AB shuttle One-way is \$3 and round trips for \$5 (departs from Kentucky Fried Chicken) \\ Friday and Saturday 11 p.m. and midnight

Kunsan AB to Incheon Airport shuttle \$27.50 or \$25 for Airman morale program members (departs from community center $Available\ daily\ 3:30\ a.m.,\ 2\ and\ 6:30\ p.m.$

Incheon Airport to Kunsan AB shuttle

\$27.50 or \$25 for Airman morale program members (departs from gate 11) Available daily $8:\!30$ a.m., $7:\!30$ and $11:\!30$ p.m.

For details on transportation, call the Falcon Community Center at 782-4619



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Schmidt, 80th Fighter Squadron, prepares to take the next board to stack on the pile. They later used the boards to frame the house seen behind him.



Staff Sgt. Jason Downing, 8th Maintenance Squadron, pounds nails to secure the framework of the house.

Staff Sgt. Venus Applebury, 8th OSS, takes her turn hammering nails and fastening boards to the roof during the home build.





Capt. Chris Lovett, 8th Operations Support Squadron wipes his face after a few hard hours of work in the summer heat.



Senior Airman Amanda Schmidt, 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, helps her husband stack boards during the house build Monday.

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we are here to help," said Staff Sergeant Jason Downing from the 8th Maintenance Squadron ammo flight.

During a ceremony in Gunsan's City Hall Monday, Chang, Jae Sik, city vice mayor, thanked the volunteers for their service. "This ceremony is for the volunteers, putting their genuine service and utmost efforts in building a loving home for families in need for adequate shelter, working restlessly in spite of \dots unbearable heat," he said.

Ahn, E Sil, Blitz Build Chairman, asked for the volunteers to take care of themselves as "the scheduled move in date is Sept. 23 and we continuously need loving hands of volunteers even after the Blitz Build period."

After civil officials spoke, the podium was briefly turned over to wing leadership. "It is an honor to work together with this community and we will continue to do so," said Col. Preston "Wolf 2" Thompson during the ceremony. "Habitat for Humanity is a work of love, a work of love which we are proud to be a part of.'

IN THE TRENCHES ... What is your favorite thing about the Loring Club?



1st Lt. Benjamin Orsua "Crud table"



Master Sgt. **Ralph Adams** "They have excellent coffee!"



Cadet 2nd Class Ruben Ruiz Perez "I enjoy all of the heritage seen throughout it."



Sgt. Darren McCabe "To tell you the truth ... I haven't even been there yet."



Airman Samantha Heredia "The food. I like the food, I love the steak."